



# NEWS RELEASE

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United States Attorney Joe Stecher and the Lincoln Police Department, Lancaster County Sheriff's Department, Lancaster County Attorney's Office, and the Nebraska State Patrol announce the following information for the attention of the media:

**Event Triggering this Release:**

On April 23, 2009, a Lincoln man was sentenced to nineteen years and seven months (235 months) in prison for conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine and cocaine. Brandon Coffman was held responsible for the distribution of at least 11 pounds of methamphetamine and approximately one pound of cocaine over a nine-month time period. Following the prison term, he will serve five years on supervised release. He was also ordered to pay a \$100 special assessment.

**Name of Defendant:** Brandon Gerome Coffman

**AKA:**

**Age:** 24

**City of residence:** Lincoln

**Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty** (A CHARGE is merely an accusation and every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty): Conspiracy to distribute 500 grams or more of a mixture or substance containing methamphetamine, a Schedule II controlled substance, and a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of cocaine, a Schedule II controlled substance, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 846. The possible penalty is not less than 10 years nor more than life imprisonment, and a fine of up to \$4,000,000. Following any term of imprisonment, there would be a term of supervised release of not less than five years. There is also a \$100 special assessment.

**Specific Location of Alleged Crime:** Lincoln

**Location of Arrest:** Lincoln

**Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug:** Coffman was held responsible for at least five kilograms (11 pounds) but less than 15 kilograms (33 pounds) of a mixture or substance containing methamphetamine and at least 400 grams (approximately 14 ounces) but less than 500 grams (approximately 18 ounces).

**Others Charged in Same Scheme:** none

**Relevant Dates:**

**Date of Alleged Crime:** Between on or about May 1, 2007, and January 31, 2008

**Federal Arrest Date:** November 24, 2008

**Date Complaint Issued:**

**Indictment Returned Date:** November 18, 2008

**Initial Appearance Date:** November 25, 2008

**Plea or Trial and Date(s):** Pled guilty on February 3, 2009

**Sentencing Date:** April 23, 2009

**Next Court Hearing Type and Date:** none

**Assigned Magistrate Judge:** The Honorable David L. Piester

**Held without Bond, or Released from Custody:** held without bond

**In Continuous Custody Since:** November 24, 2008

**Assigned District Court Judge:** The Honorable Richard G. Kopf

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